MACCLESFIELD OF MAER, STAFFS
MACCLESFIELD OF CHESTERTON IN WOLSTANTON, STAFFS

ARMS:*Gules a cross engrailed ermine (1396) [Seal in British Museum]

CREST: Out of a ducal coronet or a rams head ermine horned gold in the mouth a sprig of laurel vert

The Macclesfield family were ardent Roman Catholics and sequestrations and compositions led to the financial decline of the family.

John Allcock LATER Macclesfield (of Macclesfield, Cheshire) c1351-1422
b c1351 son of John Allcock of Macclesfield, Cheshire c1330-c1384 QV
m cl c1396 Catherine Kingsley dau of Adam Kingsley (Escheator of Cheshire); m2 1422 John Leigh of Ridge, Cheshire c1392-1453 QV
d 7 Apr 1422; Will (?PCC) ....
(ordained deacon) 13 Mar 1377; (ordained priest) 18 Sep 1378; (Burgess, Macclesfield) 1385; (Clerk to the Signet) 1388; (assumed the name Macclesfield); (Secretary, Richard II) 1390-2; (Canon, Lichfield, Salisbury & York) May 1390; (Keeper of the Great Wardrobe) Nov 1397; (his eventual income estimated at £258pa); (wrote a Cartulary of his business and religous dealings) [Cheshire Record Office DCH R4/2/17] [typed summary in Macclesfield Library]
chn: John Macclesfield [illeg.] b c1399 below
William Macclesfield [illeg.] b c1401; (had no chn); d 1435-42
Thomas Macclesfield [illeg.] b c1405; d 1451; (clerk); (Canon, Lichfield) 1446-d
Ralph Macclesfield [illeg.] b c1407 below
Nicholas Macclesfield [illeg.] b c1410; d c1442
Matilda Macclesfield [illeg.]

John Macclesfield (of Macclesfield, Cheshire) c1399-1430
m1 1413 Margaret Savage dau of Sir John Savage of Clifton, Cheshire Knight c1370-?1450 QV; {marriage annulled} 1417; (but had no chn); m2 1419 John Dutton of Dutton, Cheshire c1403-1445 QV; m3 p1445 Randall Mainwaring of Carincham, Cheshire
c1395-.... QV
m2 Eleanor Swettenham dau of Matthew Swettenham of Swettenham, Cheshire; (but had no chn); m2 c1435 Roger Leigh of Ridge, Cheshire; m3 William Venables of Coppenhall, Cheshire [THIS MARRIAGE CONFUSED?]
(succeded by his brother Ralph)

Ralph Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs c1407-a1461
m c1452 Margaret Erdeswick dau of Henry Erdeswick (of Sandon, Staffs) c1380-.... QV; m2 Richard Cliff of Clyne
d 1456-61; Will (...) ....
(as son of John M. senior, by grant of Humphrey Stafford Duke of Buckingham, with remainder to his brother Nicholas, lord of Maer and held land in Audley, Bradley, Chesterton and Milwich) [exchanging all his Cheshire lands]) 1442-
chn: Hugh Macclesfield [1] b c1453; d a1470
Richard Macclesfield [2] b c1454 below
John Macclesfield [3] b c1455
Alice Macclesfield d c1471

Richard Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs c1454-p1518
m aged 16 (contract, 1470-1) Julianna Salter dau of John Salter of Newport, Salop c1420-.... QV
(of Newport, Salop)
(his marriage bought by his uncle Hugh Erdeswick from Richard and Margaret Cliff) 1469-70; (living) 1518
chn: Francis Macclesfield b c1485 below

Francis Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs c1485-c1532

m (contract, 1502-3) Catherine Fowke dau of William Fowke of Brewood, Staffs c1450-a1494 QV
d c1532
(his son Ralph M. stated that his father died about 30 years ago) 1562
chn: Ralph Macclesfield below
Elizabeth Macclesfield m Ralph Sutton of Aldelin, Cheshire
[?] Thomas Macclesfield m Margaret .....; (and had chn: John b c1528, Eleanor b c1530, Agnes b c1532, Alice); (of Chatterley in Wolstanton) c1532 FAS

Ralph Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs gentleman c1504-?1584
m (contract, 1518) Eleanor Fitton dau and coheir of John Fitton of Balterley, Staffs c1479-..... QV; (living) 1578; (a widow) 1587
d 1584 [?SOURCE]
(paid £10, Maer & Aston) 1576 LS; (as of Maer gentleman, with wife Eleanor and chn John, Humphrey, Margery, Margaret and Catherine, a Catholic landowner) *1578; (living) *1583; (a Catholic, refused to attend church) *Oct 1585; (his family) 1587 [SHC 1927 147]
chn: William Macclesfield [1] below
Edward Macclesfield [2] m ..... Watton of Kent; (of Milcote, Warwicks)
John Macclesfield [3] [? m ....; (and had chn: Ralph)] (living) 1587; (of Maer)
Humphrey Macclesfield [4] (Roman Catholic priest); (living) 1587; (jailed) 1592
Andrew Macclesfield [5] m Ann .....; (living) 1587; (jailed) 1592; (as of Barton in Bradley, Staffs gentleman) 1607 PR
Margery Macclesfield (unm.) 1578
Margaret Macclesfield (unm.) 1587
Catherine Macclesfield (unm.) 1587; m cl Edmund Cox; (and had chn: Edmund [illeg.]); (of Handford in Trentham, Staffs)
[?] Eleanor Macclesfield m John Alicock of Sibbertoft, Northants c1533-.... QV

William Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs gentleman ?1551-1610
b 1551 [?SOURCE]
m (contract, 1572-3) Ursula Roos dau of Francis Roos of Swineshead, Staffs c1506-?1578 QV;
d c1607
d 10 Apr 1610 [SEMINARY PRIESTS]
(as of Audley gentleman, with his wife Ursula, a Catholic landowner) *1578; (as gentleman, summoned (although his father was still alive) and entered at the Visitation, and signed the record) Aug *1583; (of Audley, a catholic refused to attend church) *Oct 1585; (said to have been condemned to death in 1587 for harbouring priests, one of whom was his brother Humphrey); (imprisoned) 1588-1606
chn: Peter Macclesfield [1] b c1577; (aged 6) 1583 below
Simon Macclesfield [2] b a1583; d c1623; (Roman Catholic priest)
Thomas Macclesfield [3] b c1585 Stafford Gaol; unm.; d executed 1 Jul 1616 Tyburn; (educ. Douai) 16 Mar 1602.3-17 May 1610; (ordained priest at Arras) 29 Mar 1614; (sent to England) 1 Nov 1615; (arrested, refused the oath of allegiance, executed at Tyburn) 1616; (Half of his relics are now at Downside Abbey, near Bath) [DNB] [SEMINARY PRIESTS]
Michael Macclesfield [4] b c1586
Elizabeth Macclesfield [1] m William Dorrington of Sillinghurst, Salop c1570-.... QV
Eleanor Macclesfield [2] d c1607
Susan Macclesfield [3] b a1583; m John Trevin of Painsley in Draycott-in-the-Moors, Staffs
Margaret Macclesfield b p1583; m 4 Nov 1613 Kingsley: George Harcourt of Stafford c1579-.... QV
Ursula Macclesfield b p1583; m ..... Dorrington of Sillinghurst, Salop c1578-.... QV

Peter Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs gentleman c1577-1657
m a1604 Joan Leveson dau of Thomas Leveson of Wolverhampton, Staffs c1533-1595 QV; c 12 May 1586 Wolverhampton

d 7 Mar 1657
(aged 6) 1583; (as gentleman, named in the Visitation) *Aug 1614; (not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6; (a Catholic landowner) *1648
chn: ..... Macclesfield d 1605
Ralph Macclesfield [1] b c1606; d before his father
John Macclesfield [2] b 1608; d 1608 ?Stafford
Margaret Macclesfield [1] b c1610; d 1611
Thomas Macclesfield [3] b c1612; (aged 51) 1663 below
Matthew Macclesfield [twin] [4] b c1613; d ?1614
Jerome Macclesfield [twin] [5] b c1613; d ?1614
Francis Macclesfield [6] b c1614; d 1617
Margaret Macclesfield [2] b c1615; m William Johnson of London citizen; d 1641
Simon Macclesfield [7] b c1618; d 1641
Robert Macclesfield [8] b c1619; d c1671
Michael Macclesfield [9] b c1625; d 1687; (of Chesterton in Wolstanton, Staffs)
Edward Macclesfield [10] b c1628; m Urith Allcock dau of John Allcock of Rampton, Cambs Esquire; [? (as gentleman, 5 hearths, Weston Coyney) 1666 HT]
Bridget Macclesfield [] b c1628; d 1641
Ursula Macclesfield [2] b c1616; m1 cl William Dunn; (and had chn: William [illeg.] b c1650); m2 1673 Chapel Chorlton: John Bagnott; [? d 1692 Seighford]

Thomas Macclesfield of Maer, Staffs gentleman c1612-1671
m Mary Woolfall dau of William [NOT ? Richard] Woolfall of Woolfall, Lancs; b c1619; d 1716
d 1671
(aged 51, certified Visitation) 7 Apr 1663; (as Mr, 5 hearths, Maer) 1666 HT; (of Maer Hall)
chn: Peter Macclesfield b cJul 1662; (aged 9m) Apr 1663 below

Peter Macclesfield of Chesterton in Wolstanton, Staffs gentleman 1662-a1715
b cJul 1662
m (marriage bond, 27 Nov 1686) Margaret Belt 2nd dau of Robert Belt of Overton, Yorks; b c1674; d c1701
d 1706-15
(of Chesterton Hall); (aged 9m) Apr 1663;
chn: Thomas Macclesfield b c1687 below
Peter Macclesfield b c1688; d 1718; (at English College, Douai) Jun 1711; (Roman Catholic priest)
Robert Macclesfield b c1689; (aged 90) 1779 below
Frances Macclesfield b c1697; d c1715
John Macclesfield b c1701; d c1775; (of Wolstanton)

Thomas Macclesfield of Chesterton in Wolstanton, Staffs Esquire c1687-a1731
m ....
d 1715-31
(as Esquire, with an estate at Maer, in possesssion of John Foden, a Catholic with a Staffordshire estate worth £261/19/4) *1715
(also held land at Darrington, Yorks WR and Oswaldkirk, Yorks NR) *1715
chn: Margaret Macclesfield b c1728; (educ. York Bar Convent) c1734-40
Elizabeth Macclesfield b c1729; (educ. York Bar Convent) c1734-40
Agnes Macclesfield b c1730; (educ. York Bar Convent) c1734-40

Robert Macclesfield of Chesterton in Wolstanton, Staffs c1689-1779
m Elizabeth .....; b c1695; d 17 Sep 1739 aged 44; i Maer; M.I. [below]
d 8 Apr 1779 aged 90; i Maer; M.I. [below]
chn: Peter Macclesfield b c1727; m 1762 Jane Cranstoun; (but had no chn): She b c1745; d c1767: He d before his father 7 Jun 1768 aged 41; i Maer; M.I. [below]; (of Wolstanton)
Catherine Macclesfield i 1730 Maer
Placida Macclesfield b c1730; d Hammersmith; (of Dunkirk nun) 1758

Elizabeth Macclesfield m 1755 Wolstanton: Robert Charlton; (? but had no chn); d c1775
Ann Macclesfield d c1775
Agnes Macclesfield [heir] b c1737; m 1780 Wolstanton: Hon. Thomas Fitzwilliam of Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs; d c1780 [All the lands belonging to the Macclesfield family were sold by 1788]

Sacred to the memory of Robert Macclesfield esquire who departed this life on the eighth day of April 1779 aged ninety years. Also of Mrs Elizabeth Macclesfield his wife who departed this life on the seventeenth day of September 1739 aged forty-four years. Also of Peter Macclesfield esquire their only son who departed this life on the seventh day of June 1768 aged forty-one years, Requiescant in pace. [GENTMAG (GOMME) 117]

[? A KINSMAN]

Ralph Macclesfield of Shushions in Church Eaton, Staffs c1643-?1731
m Rachel Littleton [? Rachel .....; m1 Edward Littleton of Shushions in Church Eaton, Staffs gentleman 1602-.... QV]
m2 14 Feb 1674.5 Gnosall: Dorothy Jennings [? dau of William Jennings of Church Eaton, Staffs clerk c1613-1673 QV; b 28 Mar 1647.48 PR; c 3 Apr 1648 Church Eaton]
d ?1731
(a lawyer); (sold Maer Hall to pay legal debts) 1693

[? A KINSMAN]

..... Macclesfield of Chesterton in Wolstanton, Staffs c1533-
chn: Mary Macclesfield m (as his 2nd wife) William Lawton of Lawton, Cheshire c1553-1617 QV; d ?1604

[? A KINSMAN]

Thomas Macclesfield of Newport, Salop c1530
m Joan .....;
Will (...) Jul 1597/DATE? AND May 1602 executed by widow Joan and dau Elizabeth M. ALIAS Hodgkins
chn: Elizabeth Macclesfield [? m 20 Sep 1593 Newport: Thomas Simons] [m ..... Hodgkins]

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*1583; *1614/64; *1664/1700; IGI; CHECK: Dunn, Tony THE PEDIGREE & HISTORY OF THE MACCLESFIELD FAMILY OF MAER & CHESTERTON IN STAFFS & MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE (c1993) (Manuscript in William Salt Library); Information ex Tony Dunn, 48 Falcon Close, KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs DY10 1NN (2000) (29/11/04)